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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, PO

SUBJ: TIMEX DISPUTE

REF: LISBON 1289

1. ACCORDING TIMEX MANAGEMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT SENT TELEX INVITING TMX BERMUDA PRESIDENT AND LOCAL TIMEX MANAGER TO MEETING ON OR AFTER MARCH 8 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES OF LABOR, FINANCE, INDUSTRY AND EXTERNAL COMMERCE. TIMEX RESPONDED SUGGESTING MARCH 10 AND REQUESTING NAMES OF GOP REPRESENTATIVES.

2. SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AMONG TIMEX WORKERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 27 WITH 68 PERCENT OF THOSE PARTICIPATING VOTING TO ACCEPT SHORTENED WORK WEEK. (APPROXIMATELY 1500 WORKERS VOTED.) RESULTS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO LABOR MINISTRY; MINISTRY HAS NOT DISCUSSED RESULTS WITH FIRM.

3. TIMEX PLANT OPENED MARCH 3 AFTER FOUR-DAY WEEKEND. SITUATION REMAINS PEACEFUL BUT CHAOTIC. MANAGEMENT NOW PLANS TO OPERATE ON FULL WORK SCHEDULE BUT STILL STATES NECES-

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SITY TO LAY OFF 1200 WORKERS.

4. COMMENTS: INVITATION TO TMX PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH  
GOP PROBABLY RESULT OF EMBASSY OFFICERS' FEBRUARY 27 DIS-  
CUSSION WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT. LOCAL  
TIMEX MANAGEMENT NOW CONCERNED WHETHER LABOR MINISTER  
HIMSELF WILL ATTEND MEETING. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT  
HIS PRESENCE INDISPENSABLE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE.  
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